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## Town of Westport seeks Corps of Engineers permit to replace culvert, improve stream channel in Westport

**CONCORD, Mass.** – The Town of Westport is seeking a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct work in waters of the United States in conjunction with constructing a culvert replacement and stream channel improvement project in Westport, Conn.

The proposed project is located at the intersection of Willow Brook and Richmondville Avenue in Westport. Willow Brook is a perennial water course and a tributary to the Saugatuck River. It has a contributing watershed area of less than one square mile.

Proposed construction will take place during the dry season; however, a temporary low flow sediment forebay will be constructed upgradient to control incoming flows due to a storm event. Water will be pumped from the forebay and redirected downstream, when necessary. A series of silt fences and hay bales laid across the brook will be used as temporary filtration barriers to catch debris and sediment. Additional silt fencing will be installed along the toe of all critical cut and fill slopes, and around designated soil stockpile areas. The construction is slated to last 2-3 months. All excavated material will be disposed of off site.

A plan to use non-invasive native vegetation to replace any disturbed riparian areas will be implemented following the completion of the work. Best management practices will be followed to ensure preservation of physical and aquatic habitat. These include placement of native streambed material within the culvert inverts and use of native stone where possible to scour protection measures.

The application for the federal permit was filed with the Corps of Engineers in compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which regulates the discharge or fill of material in United States waters, including wetlands. The public notice can be viewed on the Corps website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>. Select Regulatory/Permitting and then weekly public notices.

Public comments on the Corps permit review (File # NAE-2009-1008) should be forwarded no later than April 30, 2010 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division (ATTN: Erika Mark), 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751. Additional information is available from Permit Project Manager Erika Mark at 978-318-8250 or toll free 800-343-4789 or 800-362-4367 (if calling from within Massachusetts) or by email to: [erika.l.mark@usace.army.mil](mailto:erika.l.mark@usace.army.mil).

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